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SUBJ: PM'S URGENT REQUEST FOR PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR

FOR SISCO AND WHITE FROM AMBASSADOR

REF STATE 143164

1. I REGRET IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE PM BANDARANAIKE WITH ASSURANCES RE PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR BEFORE SHE DEPARTED FOR OTTAWA BUT I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED CLOSE INTEREST IN FINDING WAYS TO RELIEVE SRI LANKA'S FOOD SHORTAGES. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT AID'S COMMENTS TO SRI LANKA CHARGE DE ALWIS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY AND THAT WE WILL BE ABLE, IN FACT, TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENT TO GSL IN SEPT AND GET SOME WHEAT FLOUR MOVING BY MID OCT. (I HAVE CONVEYED TO GUNASEKERA CORRECT VERSION OF DE ALWIS-AID CONVERSATION, CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL.) GIVEN LEAD TIME INVOLVED, TRUST WE WILL BE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT SOON TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW PL 480 AGREEMENT OR, IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE, WASHINGTON WILL BE WILLING EXTEND ADVANCE REIMBURSABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT.

2. IN BROADER CONTEXT I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE MY EARLIER RECOMMENDATION THAT WE GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT LOAN FOR GSL.

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